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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET



Prices paid for American barreled apples on the Liverpool auction on Thursday, February 2, show little change from those prevailing last week, according to quotations cabled to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The boxed apple market, however, is lower and the demand dull for all varieties except Oregon and California Newtowns, which were actively competed for at relatively high prices. Cargoes of Nova Scotian apples are arriving in poor condition, states Mr. Smith, and the prices quoted on the same are declining compared with last week.

Albemarle Pippins from Virginia topped the market among the barreled varieties, unclassified fruit in fair condition bringing from \$7.30 to \$8.64 per barrel as against \$8.15 to \$8.27 paid for U. S. No. 2, 2½ inch fruit in good condition last week. All barreled varieties met with a good demand except the offerings of Virginia Staymans and New York Ben Davis. These met with only a moderate response due largely to the fact that much of the fruit was not up to standard merchandising condition. Buyers continued paying premiums for highly colored New York Imperials, U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch stock ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.39 per barrel as against a range of \$7.06 to \$8.64 last week. Supplies of Virginia York Imperials were moderate but all other barreled varieties were in very light supply.

The outstanding feature of the boxed apple market for the week was the active demand for Yellow Newtowns from Oregon and California. The available supplies of both Oregon and California fruit were light. Extra Fancy grades from Oregon brought from \$4.62 to \$4.99 per box for sizes 150, 163/175. The Fancy grades of the same size ranged from \$4.32 to \$4.56. Fancy fruit from California ranged from \$3.28 to \$3.41 per box. Supplies of Washington Winesaps were far in excess of demand and sold slowly at from \$2.68 to \$2.80 per box for Extra Fancy, representing a decline of about 20 cents a box compared with last week's quotations. Washington Rome Beautys were only in moderate supply but the demand was slow. The light offerings of Washington Delicious sold moderately at from \$3.41 to \$3.53 per box for Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 fruit.

Prices of American and Canadian fruit on Liverpool Auction,
January 25 and February 1, 1928

| Variety and Grade | Origin | Price | |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | Jan. 25, 1928 | Feb. 1, 1928 |
| | | Per bbl | Per bbl |
| York Imperials: | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (highly colored): | Virginia | 68.27 - 8.64 | a/ |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | " | 7.06 - 7.42 | b/ 7.30 - 8.39 |
| U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | " | 7.06 - 8.27 | 6.81 - 8.15 |
| Unclassified | " | 6.06 - 7.30 | c/ 5.72 - 6.81 |
| Albemarle Pippins: | | | |
| U.S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch | " | 8.15 - 8.27 | a/ |
| Unclassified | " | a/ | 7.30 - 8.64 |
| Ben Davis: | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | " | a/ | 6.60 - 6.81 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | New York | a/ | 5.11 - 5.72 |
| Stayman Winesans: | | | |
| U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | Virginia | a/ | 7.30 |
| Baldwins: | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch | Maine | a/ | 7.50 - 7.42 |
| Starks | Nova Scotia: | a/ | 4.99 - 5.60 |
| Baldwins | " | 6.45 - 6.81 | 5.35 - 5.84 |
| Ben Davis | " | a/ | 3.39 - 4.50 |
| Delicious: | | Per box | Per box |
| Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 | Washington: | a/ | 3.41 - 3.53 |
| Winesans: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 | " | 2.92 - 2.98 | 2.68 - 2.80 |
| Extra Fancy, 188/smaller | " | 2.51 - 2.68 | 2.51 - 2.68 |
| Fancy, 150, 163/175 | " | 2.68 - 2.92 | 2.43 - 2.68 |
| Fancy, 188/smaller | " | 2.55 - 2.68 | 2.25 - 2.55 |
| Rome Beautys: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 | " | 2.80 - 2.92 | 2.74 |
| Fancy, 150, 163/175 | " | 2.55 - 2.68 | 2.55 |
| Yellow Newtowns: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 | Oregon | a/ | 4.62 - 4.99 |
| Extra Fancy, 188/smaller | " | a/ | 3.89 - 4.38 |
| Fancy, 150, 163/175 | " | a/ | 4.32 - 4.56 |
| Fancy, 188/smaller | " | a/ | 3.65 - 4.14 |
| Fancy, 150, 163/175 | California: | 3.04 | 3.28 - 3.41 |
| Pears: | | | |
| Winter Nelis | Washington: | 4.14 - 4.38 | 3.81 - 5.11 |
| Winter Nelis (variable condition) .. | " | a/ | 2.43 - 3.16 |

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Poorly colored. c/ Fair condition.

